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1. REFERENCE REQUESTED EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND UPDATING.
OUR ANALYSIS OF THE ORDER OF BATTLE DIAGRAM INDICATES
THAT, WHILE THEY INCLUDE VERY CURRENT DATA, THERE
ARE ALSO SIGNIFICANT ERRORS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AIR
ORDER OF BATTLE (AOB) LOCATIONS SHOWN FOR THE
FIGHER (F-5) SQUADRON ACTUALLY LOCATED AT MEKNES AND
THE TRANSPORT (C-130) SQUADRON AT KENITRA ARE REVERSED.
AIRCRAFT DATA SHOWN ON THE GROUND FORCES ORDER OF BATTLE
(GOB) CHART ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE AOB CHART.
GROUND FORCES ORDER OF BATTLE SUFFERS FROM OMISSIONS
AND MISPLACEMENTS. MAJOR UNITS OMITTED ARE ONE
INFANTRY REGIMENT AT BU CRAA, ONE INFRANTRY REGIMENT
AND ONE ARMORED BATTALION AT OUARZAZATE, AND ONE
INFANTRY REGIMENT AT SMARA. THE ARMORED CAVALRY
BATTALION SHOWN AT OUJDA IS NOT ARMORED BUT HORSE
MOUNTED. INFANTRY BATTALIONS ARE NOT LOCATED AT
KENITRA AND CASABLANCA. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER ERRORS.
DIA IS CURRENTLY UPDATING ITS GOB FOR MOROCCO ON

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BASIS OF CHANGES SUBMITTED BY OUR ARMY ATTACHE.

2. SUGGEST COORDINATION FOR CORRECTION AND CONTINUING
UPDATE BE MAINTAINED WITH DIA/DB-3B2, THE MOST
KNOWLEDGEABLE WASHINGTON-BASED REPOSITORY OF
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